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**STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW**

Sir:

On January 3, 2005, the Office mailed a non-final Office Action. Applicants filed a response on April 4, 2005. Applicants requested a telephonic interview, and one was held on June 7, 2005, with Examiner Thai representing the Office and Attorney Hunter E. Webb representing Applicants. Applicants respectfully submit the following statement:

During the interview, the rejection of claims 1-35 in light of Tyler was discussed. An amendment in response to the Office Action of January 3, 2005 had previously been submitted by Applicants. Applicants explained that Tyler does not teach all the limitations of the claimed invention, specifically: *inter alia*, a venture company wherein the venture company comprises a new business entity that is seeking a relationship with an existing business entity and querying a row of the database to provide a single record of relationship information pertaining to the

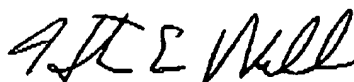
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venture company even if the single record of relationship information is not located in a specified row and column of the database. The Examiner agreed with Applicants' representatives that Tyler does not teach these features.

Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner require anything further to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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